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The national sanitary department reports for the period from December 11 to 20, 23,757 houses inspected and 10,522 water deposits of all kinds petrolied.

On December 9 a boy aged 16 applied for treatment at one of the private hospitals in this city. The case proved to be smallpox, and was transferred to Las Animas Hospital December 15. This boy was traced as one of the passengers who arrived at Habana December 4 on the French steamship *La Navarre* from Coruna, Spain. The patient had been in town 4 days previous to the invasion. As soon as the case was diagnosed as smallpox, the house where the boy had stopped was disinfected and 15 medical inspectors were appointed to vaccinate, giving special attention to those quarters of the town which the patient was known to have visited after his arrival.

MATANZAS—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Nuñez reports, December 20:

Week ended December 18. Bills of health issued to 2 vessels bound for ports in the United States. No quarantinable disease reported.

SANTIAGO—Inspection of Vessels.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Wilson reports, December 22:

Week ended December 18. Bills of health issued to 6 vessels bound for the United States. No quarantinable disease reported.

The sanitary department reports that 3,112 houses were inspected.

GERMANY.

BERLIN—Status of Cholera in East Prussia.

The following was received from the Department of State under date of December 22:

The American chargé d'affaires ad interim at Berlin reports, under date of November 24, that 2 cases of cholera have appeared in the districts of Heydekrug and Niederung, respectively (government district of Gumbinnen), East Prussia, since November 12.

INDIA.

CALCUTTA—Cholera, Plague, and Smallpox.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Allan reports, December 2:

Week ended November 20. At Calcutta there were 26 deaths from cholera, 6 from plague, and 1 from smallpox; in all Bengal, 237 cases of plague with 199 deaths; in all India, 5,719 cases of plague with 4,711 deaths.

Week ended November 27. Bill of health issued to the steamship *Stolzenfels* bound for Boston and New York with a total crew of 70. The usual precautions were taken, holds fumigated, rat guards placed on wharf lines, and effects of Asiatics disinfected.